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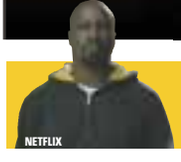

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Trump backs down, signs order to end family separations at US border

Both the president's wife and daughter weighed in on his decision.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday backed down and abandoned his policy of separating immigrant children from their parents on the U.S.-Mexico border, after images of youngsters in cages sparked outrage at home and abroad.

Trump signed an executive order requiring that immigrant families be detained together when they are caught entering the country illegally for as long as their criminal proceedings take.

While the change may end a policy that drew a rebuke from Pope Francis and everyone else from human rights advocates to business leaders, it may also mean immigrant children remain in custody indefinitely.

The Trump administration still faces legal challenges because of a court order that caps how long immigration authorities may detain minors, and trigger fresh criticism of Trump's hardline immigration policies, which were central to his 2016 election campaign and now his presidency.

A Justice Department official was unable to clarify whether family separations would end immediately or when and how families now separated would be reunited.

The Trump order, an unusual reversal by him, moves parents with children to the front of the line for immigration proceedings but it does not end a 10-week-old "zero tolerance" policy that calls for prosecution of immigrants crossing the border illegally under the country's criminal entry statute.

"It's about keeping families together while at the same time making sure that we have a very powerful, very strong border," Trump said as he signed the order in a hastily arranged Oval Office gathering.

Video footage of children sitting in cages and an audiotape of wailing children had sparked anger as the images were broadcast worldwide.

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Donald Trump

Governments from Central America and Mexico welcomed Trump's decision on Wednesday, but said they would remain vigilant to ensure the rights of their citizens were respected.

An avid viewer of cable television news, Trump recognized that the family separation issue was a growing political problem, White House sources said.

Trump's wife, Melania Trump, in private conversations with the president, urged him to do something to end the humanitarian crisis, a White House official said.

In the Oval Office, Trump said he had also heard from his daughter and aide, Ivanka Trump, about the policy.

"Ivanka feels very strongly. My wife feels very strongly about it. I feel very strongly about it. I think anybody with a heart would feel very strongly about it," Trump said.

Wednesday's move was the most significant policy reversal by Trump since he took office in January 2017. Instinctively combative and fond of chaos, Trump usually digs in on controversial policies, rather than backing down.

He had tried to blame Democrats for the policy of separating children from parents and force them into concessions, including funding for a wall he wants to build along the border with Mexico. Just in the past few days he had insisted his hands were tied by law on the issue of family separations even though his administration implemented a "zero tolerance" policy.

But the volume of condemnation on breaking up families, from inside and outside the White House, finally overwhelmed Trump. REUTERS

239 immigrant children are housed in an East Harlem shelter: De Blasio

More than 200 immigrant children who have been separated from their parents at the southern U.S. border are being housed in a shelter in East Harlem, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Wednesday afternoon.

"Here's what I am shocked to have learned here today: There are now 239 children right here as a result of the Trump administration's family separation policy," the mayor said outside Cayuga Centers. "This is just one of the centers in New York City. Since the program began, over 350 children have been here."

The immigrant children range in age, the mayor said, with the youngest being just 9 months old, and Cayuga Center staff "made clear it's been a traumatic process for a lot of these kids, and the mental health issues alone are very real, very painful. These kids are suffering from that, and they need mental health support," de Blasio added.

In addition to the trauma of being separated from their families due to the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance policy" of illegal entry, which Attorney General Jeff Sessions began in April, these immigrant children also came to Cayuga Centers with physical trauma from being held in detention, de Blasio said, adding that some suffer from lice, chicken pox, bed bugs and other contagious conditions.

NY1 first reported Tuesday night that immigrant children arrived in the dead of night to the East Harlem facility, one of nine agencies that has a federal contract to house unaccompanied minors.

News also broke this week that eight immigrant children have been housed for about a month on Long Island at MercyFirst in Syosset, a nonprofit sponsored by Sisters of Mercy, not because they had family nearby, but because the facility had available beds, its president and CEO Gerard McCaffery told Newsday.

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In a series of tweets before his visit to Cayuga Centers, de Blasio denounced the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance policy" on illegal crossings, which has resulted in nearly 2,000 immigrant children being separated from their families.

"We have to make sure we understand that each one of these children is a human being with a name and a family and a story," de Blasio wrote. "We cannot let the efforts to dehumanize them infect the rest of us."

Amid the growing outrage from both sides of the aisle, President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed an executive order to end the separation of immigrant children from their parents when the families are caught illegally crossing the border and requires the families to be detained together.

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Cristiano Ronaldo has been putting on a legendary performance on sport's grandest world stage, scoring all four goals in two games as Portugal looks to advance to the World Cup's Round of 16. GETTY IMAGES

RONALDO IS REASON ENOUGH TO WATCH THE WORLD CUP

Opinion

JOE PANTORNO

Many Americans are missing out on what is already a classic performance by the Portuguese superstar.

I'm only human, so every once in a while I make the mistake of falling down the rabbit hole of the comment section of my articles or others around the big, bad internet. Luckily for me, I work in sports, which is only trivial compared to the horrors that come from all corners of the political hemisphere.

So I find it laughable when on anything that is related to soccer or the World Cup — which is happening in Russia right now, in case you live under a rock — makes its way on the web, you will find a dizzying amount of commenters (I'm talking hundreds on a single post) that say things like "not a sport."

This is ignorance at its finest. Or maybe it's just a solid representation of American fanaticism.

Of course, I picture many of these keyboard warriors have only watched two or three of the "Big Four" sports in North America; so anything different that provides an opportunity for them to expand their peanut-sized brains and experience culture themselves is immediately met with cynicism and sarcasm.

Portugal's captain, talisman and superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, at the age of 33, has won almost every major trophy that could be coveted by an aspiring soccer player. He's won 26 trophies in his career, including Premier League championships with Manchester United, La Liga crowns with Real Madrid, his current team, and four Champions League titles between the two clubs. Three of them have come in the last three years with the Spanish giants.

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He's won the Ballon d'Or (that's French for Golden Ball, if you're too lazy to go to Google translate), which is awarded to the best player in the world, a record five times, including the last two.

To put it simply for you beginners or trolls, that's really, really good.

But much like the Argentinian wonder Lionel Messi, who is Ronaldo's archrival on the world stage, success with his international club always cast some doubt on what his legacy would be once his playing days were over even though he is Portugal's overwhelming leader in goals (85) and caps (152).

Ronaldo could not win the big game for his country. He made the final of the European Championships in 2004 but lost to Greece before a quarterfinal exit in 2008 and a semifinal loss in 2012.

After initial success at the World Cup, which included a fourth-place finish in 2006, Ronaldo and Portugal plummeted on soccer's grandest stage as they were knocked out in the Round of 16 in 2010 while not even making it out of the group stage four years ago in Brazil.

Ronaldo had three goals in those three World Cups, which took 70 shots to accrue.

The narrative has suddenly changed in Euro 2016 in France where captain Ronaldo led Portugal from an underwhelming third-place finish in Group F to an unlikely championship with wins over Croatia, Poland, Wales and the hosts in the Final. Ronaldo had three goals in the tournament and was the lone forward named to the Team of the Tournament.

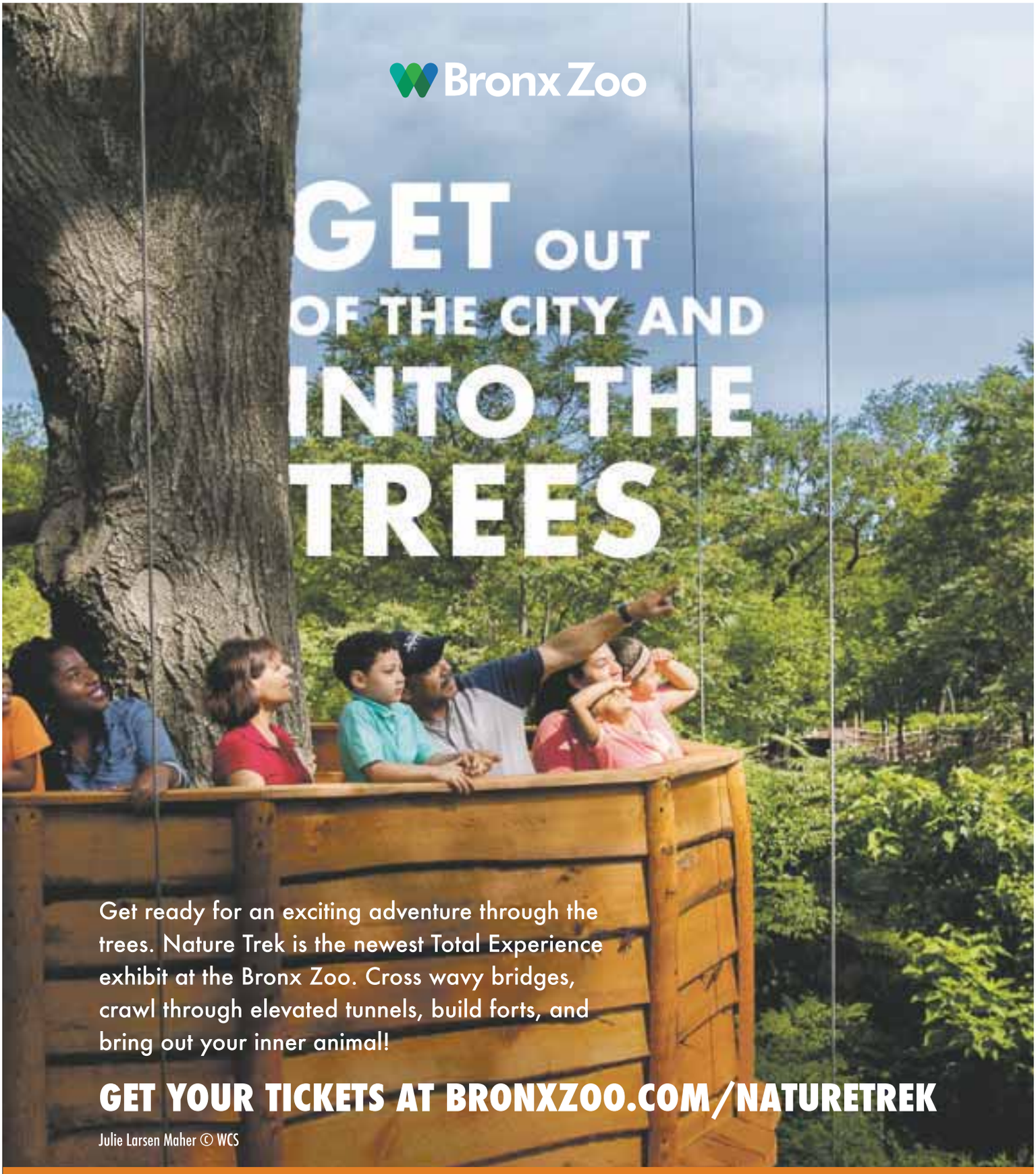
Now, what else does the man who has almost every trophy and every honor in soccer need? A World Cup, and Ronaldo is stating his intentions early.

Through two games of Group B play in Russia, Ronaldo scored four goals, including a hat-trick in a 3-3 draw against Spain, on just five shots. He provided an early winner in a 1-0 result against Morocco on Wednesday morning to put him atop the tournament's scoring list.

He's outplaying Messi, who many consider being the world's best, and single-handedly leading his nation to the cusp of the knockout stages where he alone is capable of carrying Portugal to new heights.

So do me a favor — well really, do yourself a favor — and watch the sporting event that has gripped three billion people around the world, especially on Monday when Ronaldo takes on Group B minnows Iran, and take in what could very well become one of the greatest performances at a World Cup ever. You'll thank me.

For more World Cup, including Friday's schedule, go to page 29.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Bloomberg to spend $80 million to help elect Democrats

The New York Times reported that the former NYC mayor intends to help Dems win in the November elections.

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a frequent critic of Republican President Donald Trump, intends to spend $80 million helping Democratic candidates in November's U.S. congressional elections, the New York Times reported on Wednesday.

The report said that Bloomberg, a political independent, has directed aides to spend the money in order to expel Republicans from power. They control the White House, Senate and House of Representatives.

"I've never thought that the public is well-served when one party is entirely out of power, and I think the past year and half has been evidence of that," Bloomberg said in a statement to Reuters, which did not confirm the dollar amount.

Bloomberg has entrusted a former executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which is dedicated to electing Democrats to the House, with overseeing the money flow. Bloomberg endorsed Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton against Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

Bloomberg has spent a significant portion of his fortune, amassed through his eponymous media empire, promoting gun control. He founded the group Everytown for Gun Safety in 2014 to change federal laws in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012 in Newtown, Connecticut.

His political donations have long crossed party lines, guided by his focus on gun safety and "environmental and immigration reform measures," he said in the statement.

"To be clear: I have plenty of disagreements with some Democrats, especially those who seek to make this election about impeachment. Nothing could be more irresponsible," said Bloomberg in an apparent reference to fellow billionaire Tom Steyer, who is conducting a media blitz to remove Trump from office.

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Michael Bloomberg intends to spend $80 million helping Democratic candidates in November's U.S. congressional elections, the New York Times reported on Wednesday.

"But I believe that 'We the People' cannot afford to elect another Congress that lacks the courage to reach across the aisle and the independence to assert its constitutional authority," Bloomberg said.

Historically, the president's party has lost congressional seats during midterm elections as voters seek to put a check on the country's chief executive. Democrats lost control of the House in the 2010 elections, which conservatives considered a referendum on Democratic President Barack Obama's mortgage and healthcare policies.

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NYC to award $1.8M in grants to help small businesses adapt to neighborhood changes

It's hard running a small business in New York City, but business owners can now apply to get one-on-one expert advice and grant funding.

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New Yorkers know that neighborhoods here can change quickly. It can be hard to keep up, especially for those small businesses that are iconic to those communities.

Now, the city's Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is launching a new initiative to help those mom-and-pop shops not only survive but thrive amid changes like rising rents or incoming competition, with the help of one-on-one expert counseling and grant funding.

"At SBS, we believe that small businesses are really the backbone of New York City's economy," said Rachel Van Tosh, deputy commissioner of SBS's Division of Business Services. "We want to make sure to help businesses that are a big part of their community adapt to changes in their neighborhoods, whether it is a box store changing the neighborhood's demographics or a shift in their industry."

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Rachel Van Tosh, deputy commissioner of SBS's Division of Business Services

"This will help provide intensive services to business owners to make that shift," she added, "and it will also help the city learn about ways that we can help even more businesses across the city facing similar issues."

Small businesses can now apply to receive one-on-one expert advice, as well as up to $90,000 in grant awards to implement that advice. Businesses are eligible if they've been operating for at least three years and are a non-franchise small business within the five boroughs.

Applications are open at nyc.gov/loveyourlocal through July 17, and 20 grants will be awarded for the first round in September. For the application, business owners will have to fill out some information

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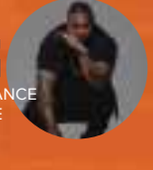

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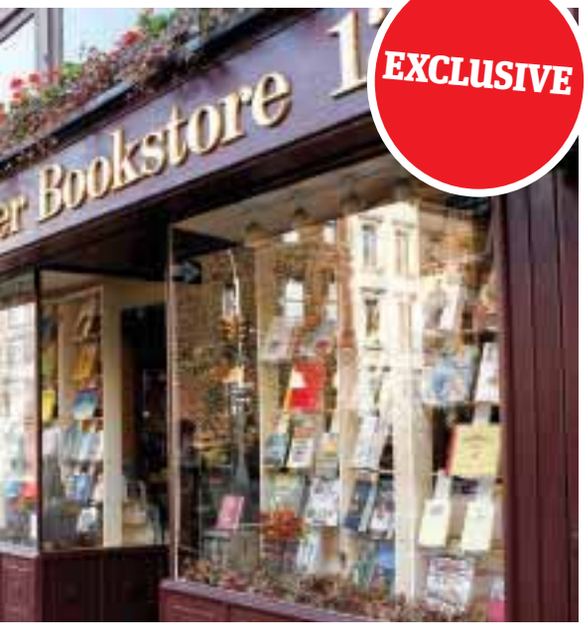

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about their company, where they're located and what sorts of challenges they are facing.

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This grant program is the second phase of NYC Love Your Local, the Small Business Service's campaign meant to celebrate the city's independent, small businesses, and get more New Yorkers to shop local. For the first phase, New Yorkers highlighted more than 2,000 businesses they love within their own communities via an online map.

"New Yorkers love their mom-and-pop shops, and the proof is in the overwhelming support for these businesses on our NYC Love Your Local interactive map and social media campaign," said Gregg Bishop, commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services, in a statement. "These grant awards are the next step in the city's commitment to ensure that neighborhood businesses remain central to the New York City experience."

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The worst thing is: Arthritis can be devastating. The pain can keep you up at night and make getting out of bed and moving around a daunting task. The pain and stiffness can suck all the happiness and joy right out of your life

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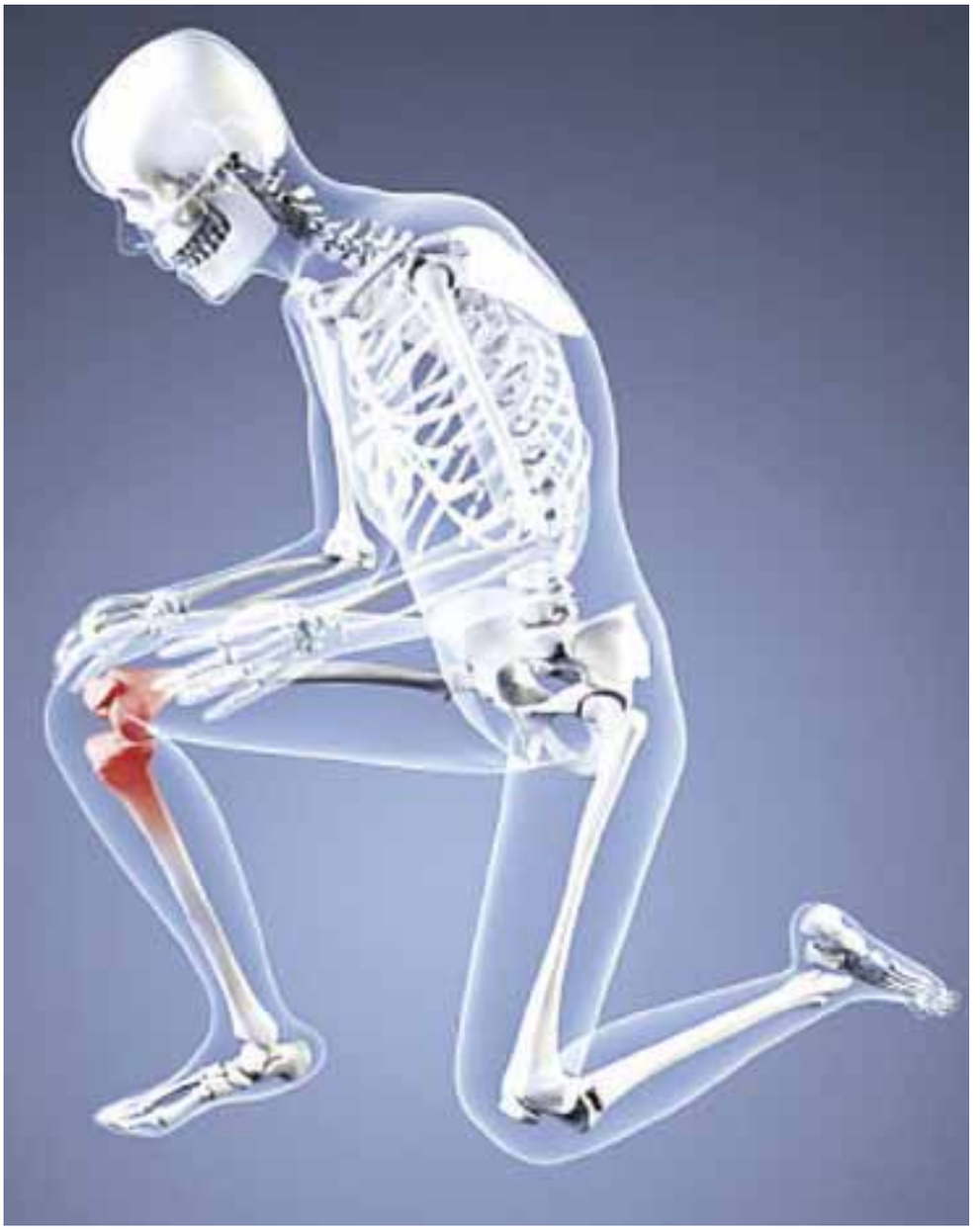

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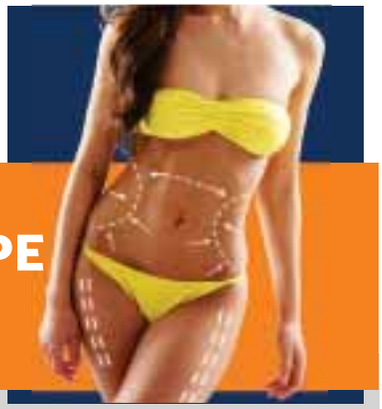

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Swiping a MetroCard can be a frustrating experience, but a new tap-and-go system will soon take over. GETTY IMAGES

MTA's new fare system looks to eliminate turnstile turmoil

The new MTA payment system, which will eventually replace MetroCards, is rolling out next year. Here's a look at the benefits it will bring.

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Public transportation can come with a slew of frustrations, like when you see your train pulling into the station but the turnstile reads "insufficient fare," or when you're stuck behind someone swiping their MetroCard over and over to no avail.

These hiccups may soon be part of the past, though, once the new MTA fare payment system is rolled out in 2019.

The MTA fare payment system will launch next year, allowing for contactless payment at turnstiles and on buses, along with an accompanying smartphone app, all developed by Cubic Transportation Systems.

Cubic also operates the current MetroCard system and the payment systems for transportation agencies around the world from London to Chicago to Sydney. At a recent Investor's Day at the New York Stock Exchange, Cubic employees explained what exactly the company is trying to bring to all these transit agencies.

There are two fundamental goals, said Matt Cole, president of Cubic Transportation Systems: "reducing the cost of collecting the fair, and removing friction."

The first factor is on the MTA side of the equation, involving what percentage of every fare goes to operating the payment system and what percentage the agency keeps. The second affects commuters.

"For you as a transit rider, we're trying to take all of the steps you currently need to take in order to pay to ride the trains, and take those steps out," Cole said, "to make it as seamless and frictionless as possible."

> **"If you have a credit card with a contactless chip, you'll be able to use that at the turnstile."**
>
> Matt Cole

That means providing multiple ways that someone can pay their fare.

"If you have a credit card with a contactless chip, you'll be able to use that at the turnstile. If you're like me and you've got Apple Pay set up, you'll just be able to tap your phone. If you prefer to have a barcode ticket with a QR code, you'll be able to scan that," Cole said. "And if you don't like any of those options and you really want an MTA-issued piece of plastic, you'll be able to do that, too."

Contactless cards will be issued from new vending machines, the MTA said, but MetroCards won't be extinct right away. Customers will be able to use the swipeable magnetic-strip cards until 2023.

The mobile app component is still in development, but for other cities, the Cubic platform allows riders to reload their card right, plan their trips with a map function and to see information on when the next train is coming, all right on their phone.

The first locations to see the new MTA fare payment system in 2019 will be along the Lexington Avenue line from Grand Central to Atlantic Terminal and on buses on Staten Island, MTA officials said.

With this upgrade that allows riders to bring their payment media of choice to the turnstile — phone, credit card or MTA card — the MTA won't just be caught up with other transit systems that have long replaced their magnetic tickets, it'll be ahead of them, Cole said.

"What the MTA is doing is they're leapfrogging to the next generation, past what most cities are doing now," he said. "The MTA is actually getting the benefit of skipping that evolution of [just] the smart card, and now they'll be ahead of the rest."

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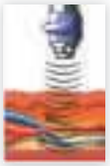

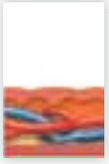

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Treatment offers new hope for erectile dysfunction

If you're at war with erectile dysfunction (ED), you're not alone. In fact, one in every four new patients is under the age of 40, according to the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. While it may be comforting to know that it's more common than you think, you're probably more concerned with getting it under control. And we don't blame you—ED takes a serious toll on relationships, intimacy and overall well-being.

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Translation: it's a noninvasive treatment option that actually gets to the root of erectile dysfunction.

Dr. Shusterman and his team of experienced sex function specialists are dedicated to eliminating the need for penile pumps, injections, and drugs like Viagra. They also offer highly effective alternative treatments that go beyond ErectionWave therapy. One pathway is hormone replacement—an umbrella term that covers a wide array of robust therapy options that are completely tailored to each individual patient. Addressing any hormonal causes of ED is critical to improving sexual desire and, ultimately, getting on the other side of erectile dysfunction.

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NYC chef brings cannabis edibles to city with Massachusetts on horizon

Created by Ron Silver of Bubby's, Azuca offers fast-acting hemp-based sweeteners in NYC, with THC and CBC products heading north this summer.

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For nearly 30 years, Bubby's has been a staple dining destination in New York City, and now chef and owner Ron Silver has set his sights on the booming cannabis industry in New York and Massachusetts with his new venture, Azuca.

Azuca is a line of fast-acting cannabis-infused sweeteners and syrups that are currently available at Bubby's locations and will launch in Massachusetts sometime this summer.

"Because it's hemp-based, it's 100 percent legal," Silver told Metro of the Azuca products at Bubby's. "In Massachusetts, we're launching with a company called iAnthus Capital Holdings and Mayflower Medicinal, and we're going to do THC and CBD products, and we'll also do blends of THC and CBD products with different sorts of ratios."

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Azuca, the Spanish word for "sugar," came about after Silver spoke to cannabis industry experts about the biggest problem they were seeing, "and 100 percent of them said it was a low-dose, controllable edible," he recalled. "I'm a chef, so that seemed like something that was in my grasp to figure out."

With his chef's mind, Silver dove into research and development, eventually coming up with "this sort of technology" that has three patents pending on it. While "it's a closely held secret," it in-

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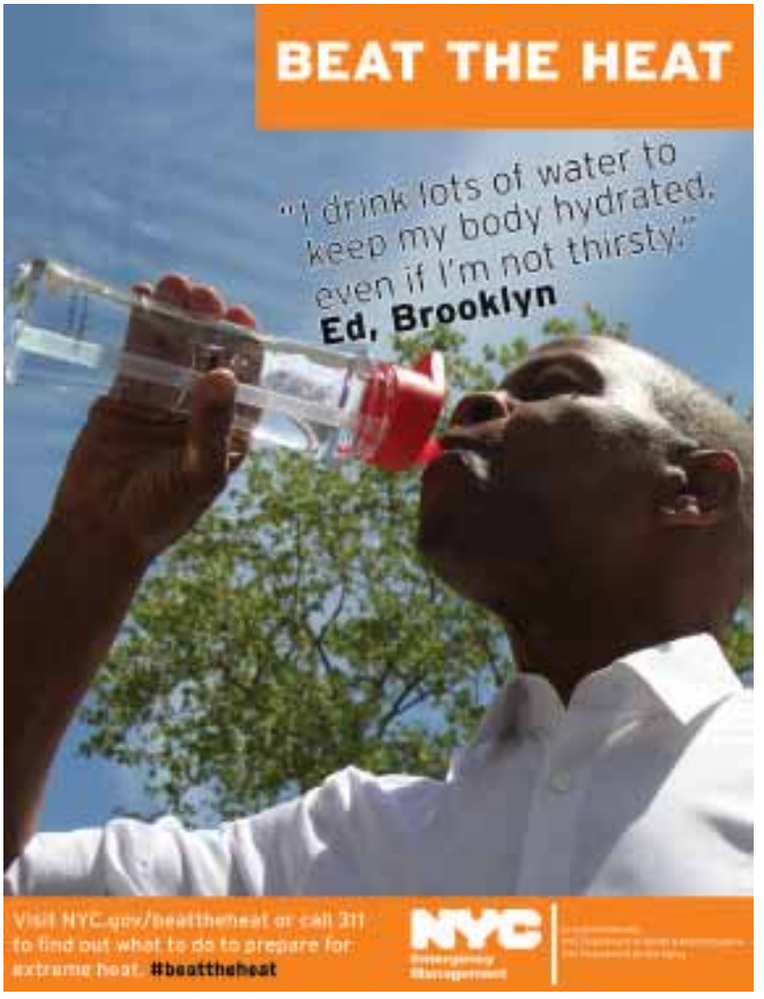
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Bubby's chef and owner Ron Silver has launched Azuca, a new sweetener infused with cannabis that is already available at the New York City restaurant locations. PROVIDED

volves cannabis molecules, he said. The result is a fast-acting line of date sugar, maple sugar, demerara sugar, stevia and agave products, which can be used as standalone ingredients, say for coffee and tea, or in baking for users to make their own edibles.

"There's exactly 10 milligrams in it," Silver said. "That's one of the big problems with edibles, people can consume too much because they take so long to kick in."

While Bubby's has been a hotspot for decades, Silver has seen "an amazing response" since the restaurants recently started offering Azuca's hemp-based CBD products in lemonades, coffees and teas.

"People are coming in for CBD drinks, just to sit at the bar and have them, and I think a lot of people are coming back again," he said. "It's a nice, consistent place and way to have it — and it's really a cool system that's taking the mystery out of how to use cannabis. There's really so many interesting benefits that don't have to do with being couch locked playing video games."

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NYC gearing up for 'monumental' 2019

In addition to a slate of developments, the city will be the first in the nation to host WorldPride in conjunction with Stonewall's 50th anniversary.

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Vessel, a climbable public landmark in Hudson Yards, was designed by Thomas Heatherwick and is slated to open next year. FORBES MASSIE/HEATHERWICK STUDIO

New York is the city that never sleeps — and it's also the city where new things never stop happening, and 2019 will be no different, what with new developments and hotel, restaurant and retail openings on the horizon — as well as WorldPride, which for the first time will be held in the U.S. in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising that sparked the modern gay-rights movement.

"With an abundance of blockbuster openings across New York City and the historic 50th anniversary of Stonewall, 2019 will truly be a monumental year," said Fred Dixon, president and CEO of NYC and Co., the city's official marketing organization, which gave a sneak peek of all 2019 will offer at a press conference at the Museum of Modern Art on Wednesday.

The setting was fitting for the announcement as MoMA is undergoing an extensive renovation to increase its gallery space by 30 percent and enhance public spaces, which is expected to be complete by next summer.

A FEW THINGS TO BE EXCITED ABOUT FOLLOWING NYC & COMPANY'S '2019: A MONUMENTAL YEAR' PRESENTATION

The Shed: Slated to open in spring 2019 where High Line meets Hudson Yards, The Shed will be the city's first arts centered dedicated to commissioning, producing and presenting performing and visual arts and pop culture. The innovative movable structure, which uses the horsepower of one Prius, will also highlight early-career local artists.

• **Statue of Liberty Museum**, slated to open in May 2019. The 26,000-square-foot sustainably designed space is free with a ferry ticket and will display, among other things, Lady Liberty's original torch, which was replaced in the mid-1980s.

• **Vessel**, a climbable public landmark in Hudson Yards created by Thomas Heatherwick, consists of 154 interconnected stairways and 80 landings. Set to open sometime in 2019.

• **Mercado Little Spain**, set to open in Hudson Yards in spring 2019, is a Spanish food hall from celebrity chef Jose Andres and brothers Ferran and Albert Adria. The 35,000-square-foot indoor and outdoor space is Andres' first project in New York City, and the first U.S. outpost from the Adria brothers, who owned the celebrated El Bulli.

• **Nordstrom** will expand its city footprint by opening a store for women and children across from its men's store that opened on West 57th Street in April and was its first ever in the city.

• **WrestleMania** returns to the area with Wrestlemania 35 at MetLife Stadium on April 7, featuring a weeklong celebration throughout the area. And rumors are already swirling that The Rock may put in an appearance.

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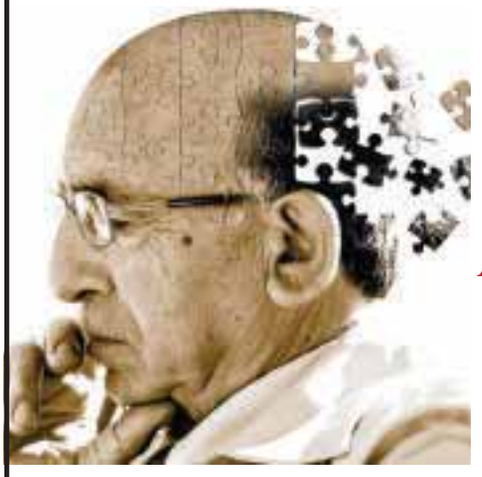

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Aries Emotions will escalate if you get into a discussion with someone you work or live with. Listen and respond diplomatically to avoid ruining your plans and day.

Taurus You may crave change, but not everyone around you will, so present your intentions in a persuasive manner to avoid an argument.

Gemini Personal improvements are favored. Get into shape or physically move things around to improve your current environment or reconnect with an old friend and catch up.

Cancer Don't get depressed when you should be disciplined in bringing about change. It's up to you to make things happen, so embrace the future and get cracking.

Leo Think about what you say and do before you take action. Hurt feelings will not help you gain popularity or get the support you need to bring about change.

Virgo A last-minute change of plans will end up being beneficial. Changing your surroundings will give you a boost and the energy to tie up loose ends.

Libra A physical challenge will motivate you to put more effort into the way you look and feel. Problems at home should be given time to settle. A day trip is favored.

Scorpio You'll have a good idea, but make sure it's within your budget before you follow through on it. Simplicity will help to ease your stress. Clutter will slow you down and cause depression.

Sagittarius Elaborate on an idea you have and consider the best way to move forward. Make sure you have the right to use something that you may have shared with someone from your past.

Capricorn A serious approach to partnerships will bring out the pros and cons of certain arrangements. To bring about change, you must discuss the best way to move forward.

Aquarius Invest time and energy in yourself. Striving to be your best will also help you bring out the best in someone you love. Don't overreact to negativity; merely adjust and simplify your plans.

Pisces Learn all you can about challenging financial, medical or legal situations to come up with a plan that will ensure that you overcome any dilemma.

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What to expect from 'Luke Cage' *season two*

Harlem's bulletproof Defender returns for another bout on Netflix.

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Mike Colter is back as Harlem's hero for "Luke Cage" season two.
ALL PHOTOS DAVID LEE/NETFLIX

When we last saw Luke Cage (Mike Colter), he and the other Defenders with impenetrable skin had successfully saved New York from the villainous organization The Hand. So what's a bulletproof black man famous for his heroic exploits throughout Harlem to do?

If you thought "go back home and live like a king" was in the cards for "Luke Cage" season two, you thought wrong. That honor belongs to the meanie Mariah Dillard (Alfre Woodard), whose efforts to surpass the late Cornell Stokes (Mahershala Ali) as Harlem's chief powermonger continue. As for Luke, he and his allies face rent hikes, mounting bills and celebrity's loss of privacy.

Enter John McIver (Mustafa Shakir), a new player known as the "Bushmaster." Not only does he possess abilities similar to Luke's, but he's also gunning for Dillard's post at the top of Harlem's elite. As a result, "Luke Cage" season two puts all three into an uneasy and uneven series of relationships and rivalries as complex as HBO's "The Wire."

Such complexity is both a blessing and a curse for "Luke Cage" and the other Marvel series on Netflix. On the one hand, their 13-episode seasons (or "The Defenders" miniseries' eight) allow the writers' plenty of room to tell sweeping stories about more than simply heroes being heroic. On the other hand, many critics and viewers fault these shows for their length, as much of it feels wasted and unnecessary

Examples of the latter abound in "Luke Cage" season one, as well as past seasons of "Daredevil," "Jessica Jones" and "Iron Fist." Even "The Defenders" is susceptible to such criticism. However, all this extra time is occasionally put to good use, as is the case for what showrunner Cheo Hodari Coker does in "Luke Cage" season two.

Luke Cage and Iron Fist, reunited and it feels so good.

This is especially true of two new elements the "Southland" and "Ray Donovan" alum has introduced: Misty Knight's (Simone Missick) friendship-cum-partnership with Colleen Wing (Jessica Henwick) from "Iron Fist," and newcomer Tilda Johnson (Gabrielle Dennis).

Having lost most of her right arm in "The Defenders," Knight must learn to cope with her disability and the way it affects her duties as a police detective. She does just that with Wing's help, resulting in an *hommage* of sorts to the pair's "Daughters of the Dragon" collaboration in the comics.

As for Johnson, she is best known as the criminal (and occasional hero) Nightshade in the comics. Her exploits range far and wide, but for "Luke Cage" season two, she has become Dillard's estranged daughter. The latter spends much of the new season trying to make amends, including laying the groundwork for Johnson to succeed her criminal throne.

This all sounds great, but does it work? Sadly, despite Coker's best efforts, "Luke Cage" season two suffers from the same issues that plagued its predecessor. Namely, it drags on its many story elements for much longer than necessary. However, the Knight-Wing pairing and the addition of Johnson help to assuage these problems. Mostly.

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Does Elvis Presley epitomize the worst of America?

That's what "The King" director Eugene Jarecki wanted to explore.

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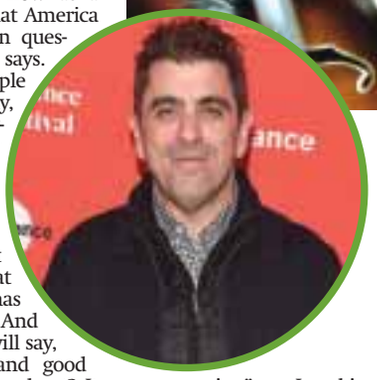
"The King" opens in New York on Friday, and Eugene Jarecki will take part in Q&A's at The Landmark and IFC Center this weekend. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



Elvis Presley has always been a complex figure that epitomized the American dream.

The pop-culture icon irreversibly changed the world when he exploded onto the scene with his swagger and talent, before then fulfilling his duties in the army, heading out to Hollywood to become a movie star, making a heralded musical comeback and ultimately dying of a heart attack at just 42.

But "The King," Eugene Jarecki's expansive road-trip documentary that stops at various Presley landmarks across the country, all against the backdrop of the 2016 presidential election, proves that the rock 'n' roll star's parallels to America run much deeper than that. Jarecki told Metro his goal was "to take a very long and impassioned look at the American dream" using Presley as a metaphor.

"To me they were inextricable at the start," Jarecki says. "I can't imagine a single person more identifiable in the world to the American dream than Elvis Presley. So then the questions just became, 'What is the American dream?'"

Jarecki still isn't sure how to answer that question. In fact, he may be further away from the answer than when he started the film.

"We stand now at a time when what America means is so in question," he says. "There are people that will say, 'My God, everything that has happened in this era is such a departure from all the great and good that America has done before.' And other people will say, 'What great and good are you talking about? It has always been this way.'

"So there's a debate to be had about whether what we are seeing is the real America or a departure from the real America," Jarecki adds. "Or something in between. And it was that — what is the meaning of the American dream? — that I wanted to understand more."

Jarecki insisted that he grew up with a "profound love of Elvis," but as he became older, he realized that the time Presley represented was deeply flawed. This provoked Jarecki to ask, "What more is there to learn?"

"What I have come away with is this massively deep feeling of how to think about Elvis," Jarecki says. "This isn't about being critical about Elvis, this is about understanding Elvis as a full human being, and understanding Elvis as an icon."

"Just as #MeToo and #TimesUp are taking honest stock of America's need to look in herself at contradictions in what we say we against what we do. The same is here, too," he adds. "I think rethinking our icons and understanding them more richly more fully and more compassionately leads to greater understanding and therefore public progress."

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June 22-Aug. 6, The Pit Loft, 154 W. 29th St., $60, houseofleblanc.com

Figment NYC

In one of the most exciting weekends of the summer for Governors Island, Figment NYC returns to capture the imagination of thousands of guests by transforming the island into a whimsical wonderland where creative minds come to play and world-build. Hundreds of artists will set up installations across the sprawling parks and sites, allowing guests to come wander and discover — for free! Pack a picnic and prepare for some blowup over your enviable Insta.
June 23-24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Governors Island, free, newyork.figmentproject.org

ARTS

River to River Festival

This weekend is your last chance to catch free outdoor performances across Lower Manhattan. The River to River Festival is 10 days of dance, theater, music and visual art spanning 40 locations. This year focuses on how history and geography set the stage for the city to house so many diverse voices today. Thursday is Tribeca Art & Culture Night, the LES Citizens Parade is Friday and Sunday, and Saturday brings interactive Movement Workshops.
Through June 24, various locations free, lmcc.net

FILM

Brooklyn Women's Film Festival

The Brooklyn Women's Film Festival returns this weekend, featuring a lineup of short films made by and starring independent female artists — all of which pass the Bechdel test. They're screened at the Wythe Hotel, with 60 new stories from 14 countries, ranging in character to include Child, Bride, Mother: Nigeria, Paulette in Paris, Bambina, Keep Calm and Tampon and The Coffin Club. It kicks off with a launch party Thursday at 6:30 at the Counting Room.
June 21-24, Wythe Hotel, 89 Wythe St., Brooklyn, $8-$15, brooklynwomensfilmfestival.com

FILM

Bike Film Festival

That's right: a film festival dedicated to getting around on two wheels (including three about Citi Bike alone). But it's actually more than movies — this fest also includes food, music and visual art. Blonde Redhead will be live-scoring a 1974 flick, the short film program offers over 60 works, and there's a film dedicated to competitive and freestyle BMX. Plus, there's a closing party this Sunday that will take over Hester Street with vegan food, games and DJs. Buy tickets by movie or day.
Through June 24, Anthology Film Archives, 32 Second Ave., $15-$127, bicyclefilmfestival.com

DANCE

Pride Week at the Joyce

For Pride Week, the Joyce Theater presents two companies highlighting LGBTQ themes. Led by Jonathon Campbell and Austin Diaz, Madboots Dance is an all-male, all-queer company performing two premiering works. Sean Dorsey Dance returns with the New York premiere of The Missing Generation, a critically acclaimed full-length piece about the AIDS epidemic, based on oral histories with survivors.
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June 21-Sept. 30, Westside Theater, 407 W. 43rd St., $89, eveningofwonders.com

June 22-24, noon-midnight, Flux Factory, 39-31 29th St. Long Island City, Queens, Free, fluxfactory.org

MUSIC

Punk Island

Punk didn't die — it just moved off the Bowery. Get into what's hot on the counterculture music scene at Randall's Island this Saturday when more than 80 bands take over six stages at the Harlem River Picnic Area. The free festival starts head-banging at 10 a.m. with a full day of music like Brazilian grunge and twee danceable punk made right here in Queens.
June 23, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., free, punkislandnyc.com

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June 23 6 p.m.-midnight, June 24 noon-6 p.m., 34-12 36th St., Queens, free, licflea.com

FOOD

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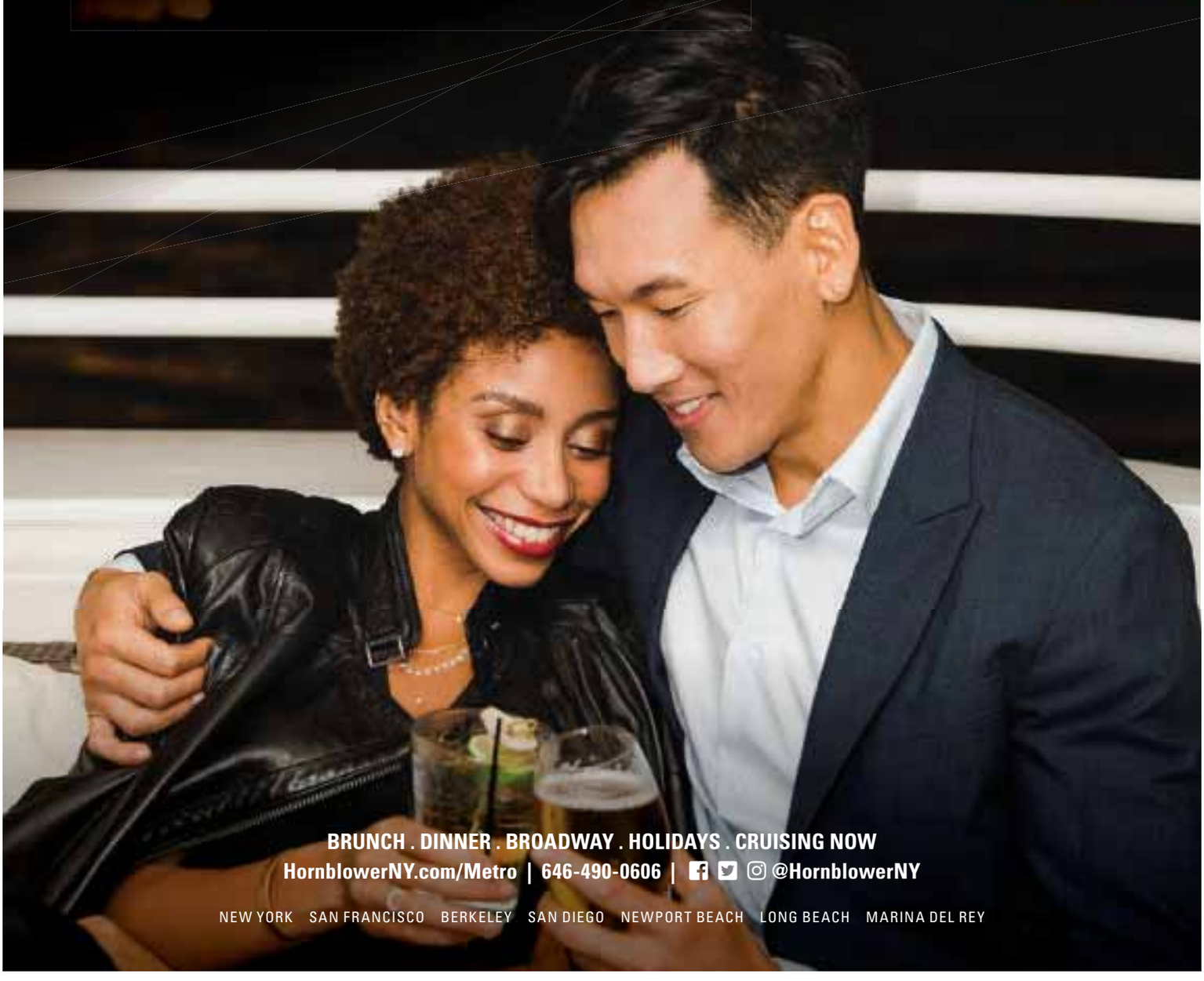

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The Gowanus Canal may have been declared a "public nuisance" back in 1877 and a federal Superfund site in 2010, but this summer it's also the city's most unlikely concert venue.

As part of Make Music Day, the largest music festival on the planet, avant garde musician Elliott Sharp will lead a flotilla of 10 canoes down the waterway for a 90-minute solo guitar concert at dusk.

"From the very first year, we've been doing some crazy things," says James Burke, executive director of Make Music New York, which returns on June 21.

The founder of it all, Make Music Alliance's Aaron Friedman, brought the holiday to New York in 2006 after visiting Paris during Fête de la Musique, the famous day-long festival of music that takes over the city's streets. And he wasn't looking to start small here.

"At the time, I was the producer of the Central Park SummerStage festival," recalls Burke, "and I first met Aaron when he called me up because he was looking to activate a program in Central Park from rowboats on the lake."

Make Music New York, now in its 12th year, spans more than 1,000 concerts in public spaces throughout the five boroughs from 10 a.m to 10 p.m., always free and open to everyone. The festival is held in more than 800 cities in 120 countries worldwide on the longest day of the year, the summer solstice.

Though there are special concerts like Sharp's all over the city, Make Music is unique among music festivals because it's primarily about inviting everyone to, well, make music.

Pick up an instrument at one of the Mass Appeal concerts around the city, where groups of musicians stage impromptu single-instrument like a banjo march around Governors Island, a guitar jam session in Union Square Park and ukuleles in Central Park. Sing some of your favorite Abba tunes with live backing at the Mamma Mia Sing-Along Truck, or go more soulful at the Stevie Wonder Piano Bar in East Harlem. Street Studios invites passersby to collaborate on original tracks with DJs and producers.

The MP3 Experiment in Brooklyn Bridge Park GETTY IMAGES

"The mission of Make Music New York is to celebrate local musicians and empower them with the opportunity to perform in unique outdoor settings and hopefully make some new fans," he says. "And at the same time, we're really trying to connect communities by activating the city's shared social spaces, which are so crucial to the lifeblood of what makes New York so great."

Spend your summer nights at the museum

Milk weather and longer days gives museums a chance to get creative — here are five after-hours programs to check out this summer.

Enjoy the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum's garden with cocktails and live music on Thursday evenings. PROVIDED

Cocktails at Cooper Hewitt
Spend Thursday nights sipping cocktails in the garden of the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, where the art appreciation continues with soloists, bands and movement artists on Thursday evenings. Cocktails at Cooper Hewitt kicks off tonight with DJ sets and performances by Bushwig drag festival co-founder Horrorchata and friends in honor of Pride. Drinks and light bites can be purchased at the museum's Tarallucci e Vino café, and your ticket also includes admission to the first- and second-floor galleries until 7 p.m. *Thursdays, June 21-Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m., rain or shine, $13 online, $15 door, 2 E. 91st St., cooperhewitt.org/cocktails*

Unexpected Pairings
With so many cultures in one city, there's always something new to taste. The Museum of the City of New York's new summer series Unexpected Pairings invites visitors out onto its grand front terrace for a tasting series featuring duets like beer and chocolate (July 19) and tacos and sake (Aug. 22), all made in the five boroughs. Producers and chefs will guide the evenings. *June-September, various days, $25, mcny.org*

Summer Thursdays and Summergarden
The Museum of Modern Art turns over its Sculpture Garden to musicians living and working in the city for after-hours concerts on Summer Thursdays and four Summergarden Sundays. Start the night with a cocktail from the garden bar (or coffee from the second floor cafe); live music goes from 5:30-8 p.m. in a wide range of genres like Middle Eastern pop-punk by Habibi and chamber folk by Mutual Benefit. And the museum is always open until 8 p.m. on Fridays with free admission beginning at 4 p.m. thanks to Uniqlo. *Summer Thursdays go from July 5-Aug. 30; Summergarden runs July 8, 15, 22, 29; 11 W. 53rd St., free with admission, moma.org*

Astrology, Prophecy and Divination
Can you really tell the future? As part of its yearlong exhibit The Future, the Rubin Museum is devoting its Wednesday evenings to exploring different cultural traditions around astrology and future-telling. Each session begins with a tour of specific exhibits related to that evening's talk with experts who'll lead interactive workshops, demonstrations and more. Oh, and you'll want to arrive early: Wednesday is also the museum's social night, with two-for-one cocktails (6-7 p.m.) and live music performances at its lobby Café Serai, then take in the museum's Himalayan treasures until 9 p.m. *Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 22, $25, 150 W. 17th St., rubinmuseum.org*

Uptown Bounce
This outdoor dance party is so big, it takes two museums to host it. Uptown Bounce brings DJs to the terrace of the Museum of the City of New York for four different themed nights like Rhythm & Power (Latin disco, hustle, salsa, July 25) and Girls Who Run the World (Aug. 1), plus dance lessons, pop-up shops, photobooths and more. Then head uptown to El Museo del Barrio for special exhibitions, performances, gallery talks and art-making workshops related to each night's theme. *Wednesdays, July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 6-9 p.m., 1220 Fifth Ave. (MCNY) and 1230 Fifth Ave. (EMdB), free, mcny.org*

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So many breweries, so little time.

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There are certain amazing things you just take for granted in life. There's no reason why, really. It could be that where you are living geographically gives you more access to a certain thing and then the magic doesn't seem so … magical anymore? This goes double for us beer lovers in the North East who have our fill of some of the best breweries in the country right in our backyards. When was the last time you paid them a visit? Here are some — not all — of the great breweries in the North East that you can check out in just a short drive.

Tree House Brewing

Charlton, Massachusetts

This beer mecca located in the heart of Massachusetts is known for its amazing beers like its extremely juicy and flavorful American IP "Julius" and their bold and unfiltered double IPA "Haze." Tree House does not distribute its beer to sellers or bars so beer enthusiasts must take the trip to buy cans onsite. The brewery also has a tap room where you can try samples and pints of all of the delicious rotating brews. The brewery has a very strict limit on how many cans a person can purchase per day, so you may spend some time waiting on line to pick up your order. But trust us: It's well worth the wait.

Canning the goods at Other Half Brewing.
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Other Half Brewing

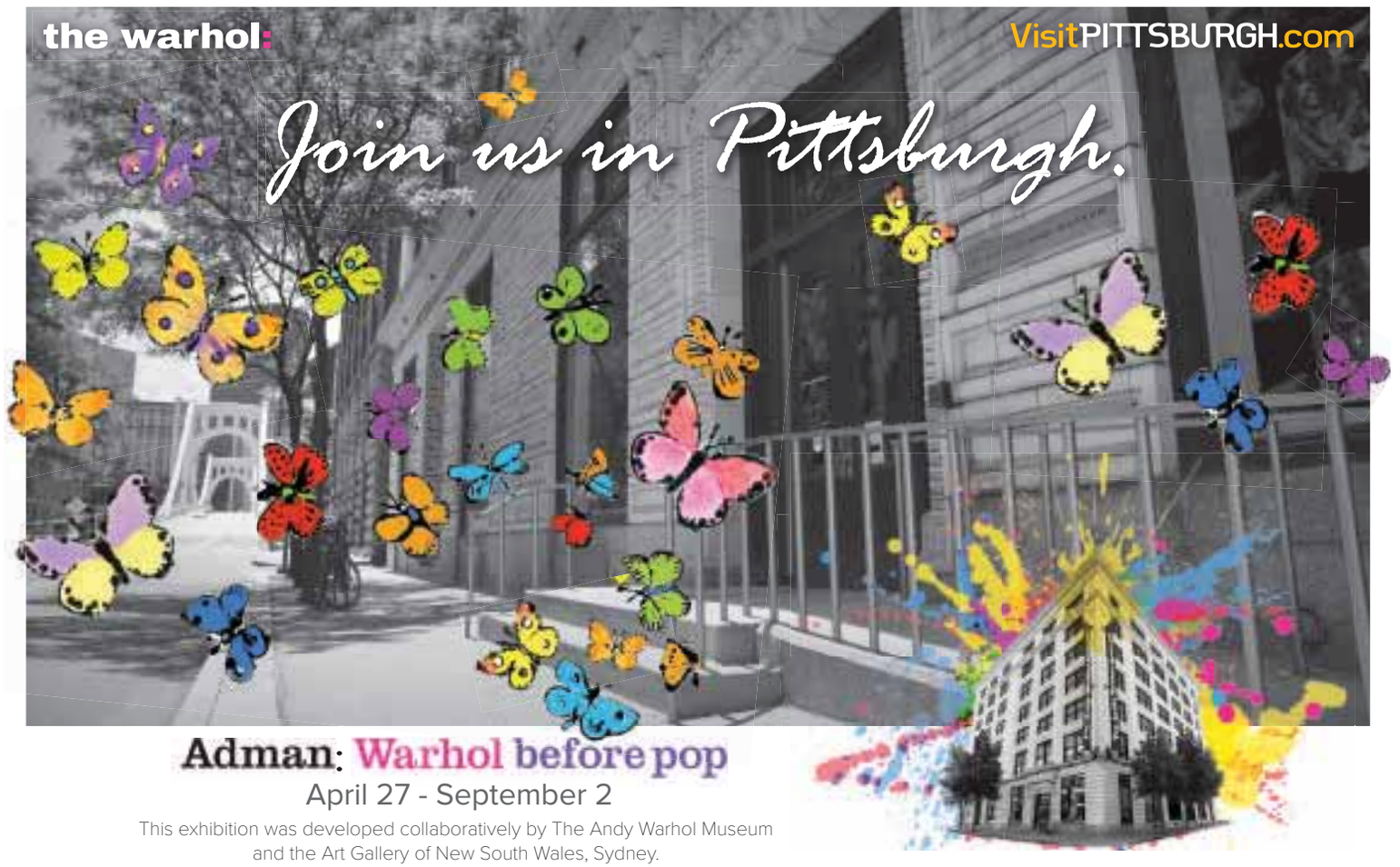
Brooklyn, New York
This Brooklyn brewery started by three friends — Sam Richardson, Matt Monahan and Andrew Burman — in 2014 with the simple mission: "to create beers that they wanted to drink from a company that they wanted to be a part of." Ever since, they have taken over the five boroughs with some of the best beer around. With a huge list of rotating drafts and bottles and cans to go ranging from the "Double Dry Hopped Hop Showers" mosaic IPA and "Meek Millet" Saison, Other Half is one of the most delicious and versatile breweries you will visit throughout the North East.

Pizza Boy Brewing Co.

Enola, Pennsylvania
This brewery and restaurant located just outside of Harrisburg, PA has one of the most extensive selections of beer you will find — period. With 99 taps including 20-30 of its own delicious brews like its appropriately named "Don't Hop Believing" IPA, Pizza Boy is bound to have whatever your craft beer loving heart desires. Oh, and it also has a full restaurant serving wings, sandwiches, and, of course, pizza. So, once you've tried a few of the almost endless beers it has on tap, you can quench your inevitable beer munchies with some amazing snacks.

Lost Nation Brewing

Morrisville, Vermont
Up in the northern part of the Green Mountain State, Lost Nation Brewing is making some of the best beer in one of the states known producing some of the best there is. While breweries like Alchemist and Hill Farmstead are known for their hazy IPAs, Lost Nation is making waves with its "Pitch Black" and "Rustic" ales and its coriander and sea salt infused Gose which is, in my opinion, the most refreshing summer beer on the planet. While Vermont may be overflowing with amazing breweries, consider Lost Nation as you plan your next beer tasting road trip.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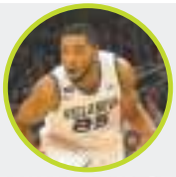
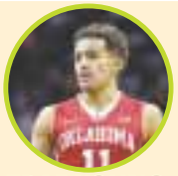


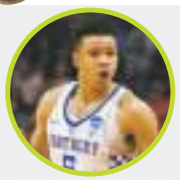
MIKAL BRIDGES
SF, VILLANOVA

Bridges has been the favorite among speculators attempting to figure out who the Knicks would take. The 6-foot-6 winger could very well be the best two-way prospect in the 2018 draft class and would provide the Knicks with considerable upgrades on both ends of the floor.



TRAE YOUNG
PG, OKLAHOMA

Young can pull up and hit from almost anywhere on the offensive side of the floor as he led the nation with 27.4 points per game. He was very selective in his workouts for pro teams, but the Knicks were one of them. However, rumor has it that his workout did not go well with them.

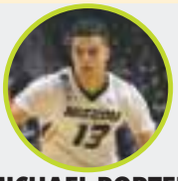


KEVIN KNOX
SF/PF, KENTUCKY

He is strong on the boards and has the potential to be a solid defender, but his offensive game has to be polished for the NBA level. Still, the Knicks were reportedly very impressed with the 19-year-old and he will likely be available should the Knicks hold at No. 9.

COLLIN SEXTON
PG, ALABAMA

Sexton is a flat-out gamer who plays a tough brand of basketball on both ends of the floor. He's an explosive slasher to the rim and can snatch momentum out of nothing, which is a fiery kind of talent that Madison Square Garden hasn't necessarily seen in quite some time.



MICHAEL PORTER
SF/PF, MISSOURI

His game around the rim is getting stronger, which will only make him a more attractive prospect. On Wednesday, the 6-foot-10 talent that can play like a combo guard revealed that the Knicks "liked him," and were thinking about moving up to get him (h/t Mike Vorkunov, the Athletic).

LONNIE WALKER
SG, MIAMI (FL)

There are some big fans of Walker's in the Knicks' front office. He's a dynamic offensive talent who can score from outside but isn't afraid to get near the basket. He's a natural athlete with an explosive first step, physical frame and holds the promise of becoming a valuable defender.

Nets nab veteran center Dwight Howard with eye on the future

On the eve of the 2018 NBA Draft, the Brooklyn Nets made quite the splash as they acquired veteran center Dwight Howard from the Charlotte Hornets for Timofey Mozgov, two future second-round draft picks and cash, as first reported by ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski.

The two draft picks headed to Charlotte will be the No. 45 selection in Thursday night's draft and one in 2021, but the trade won't be made official until the league's moratorium period ends Jul. 6. It is only until then the Nets will have enough money to take on Howard's sizeable contract, which ends at the end of this season and is worth $23.8 million.

At 32 years old, Howard's best days have been behind him for quite some time, but he went through a semiresurgence during his lone season with Charlotte, posting 16.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. Those were his best numbers since his first year with the Houston Rockets in 2013-14.

He'll immediately become the Nets' starting center as he can be a veteran presence that can help develop second-year man Jarrett Allen and Jahlil Okafor, who is still just 22 years old despite preparing for his fourth professional season.

The Nets acquired eight-time All-Star Dwight Howard. GETTY IMAGES

Brooklyn is also able to get the contract of Mozgov off its books as he is owed $32.7 million over the next two years. While it doesn't seem like much compared to some of the megadeals the league has seen over the past few seasons, it helps the Nets save $17 million in the 2019-20 season, which will allow them two max-salary contract spots during the highly-anticipated 2019 free agency period which could include big names like Kyrie Irving, Kawhi Leonard and Klay Thompson.

The Nets have been irrelevant in a weak Eastern Conference over the past three seasons, not winning more than 28 games. Much of it has to do with the lasting effects of the 2013 trade with the Boston Celtics that saw Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Jason Terry basically gut the franchise of all future assets. Brooklyn finally has its own first-round pick in 2019 which is the first time that's happened since 2013. JOE PANTORNO

Yesterday at the 2018 World Cup

RONALDO SINKS MOROCCO

On his fifth shot of the 2018 World Cup, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo scored his fourth goal of the tournament which was good enough to lift his side to a 1-0 victory over Morocco.

The goal came just four minutes in when the talisman drove a diving header into the back of the net.

Portugal's second match of the Group B play almost turned into a trap game after its emotional 3-3 draw against favorites Spain last week as Morocco dominated for most of the match.

URUGUAY SQUEEZES THROUGH

For a team that was supposed to breeze through Group A, Uruguay didn't make it look so easy.

Luis Suarez provided the winner in the 23rd minute to secure Uruguay's place in the last 16, though it was the second-straight 1-0 victory over a weaker club.

The Sky Blue led off the tournament with a narrow 1-0 win over a Mohamed Salah-less Egypt.

SPAIN SURVIVE

Spain managed to come away with three points against Iran to move into a tie atop Group B with Spain after two matches.

Diego Costa picked up his third goal of the World Cup thanks to a crazy deflection that saw the ball go off his knee and into the Iranian net.

Iran had plenty of chances to equalize, including a goal that called offsides after a VAR review.

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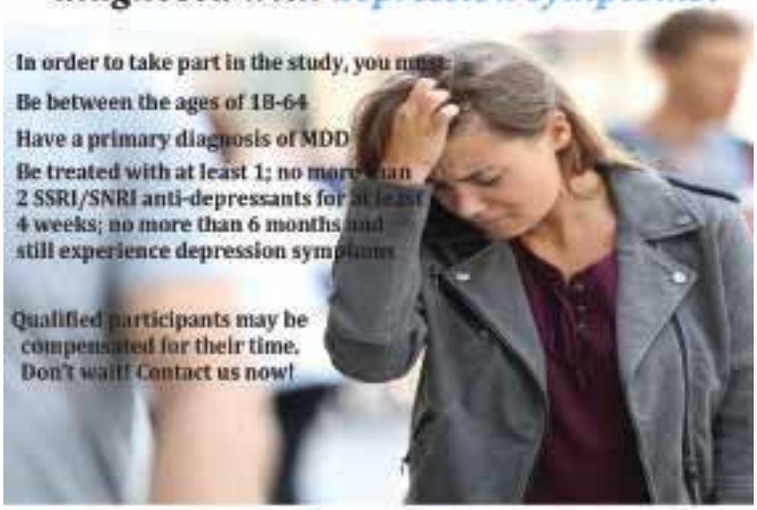
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
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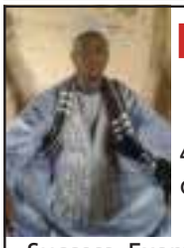

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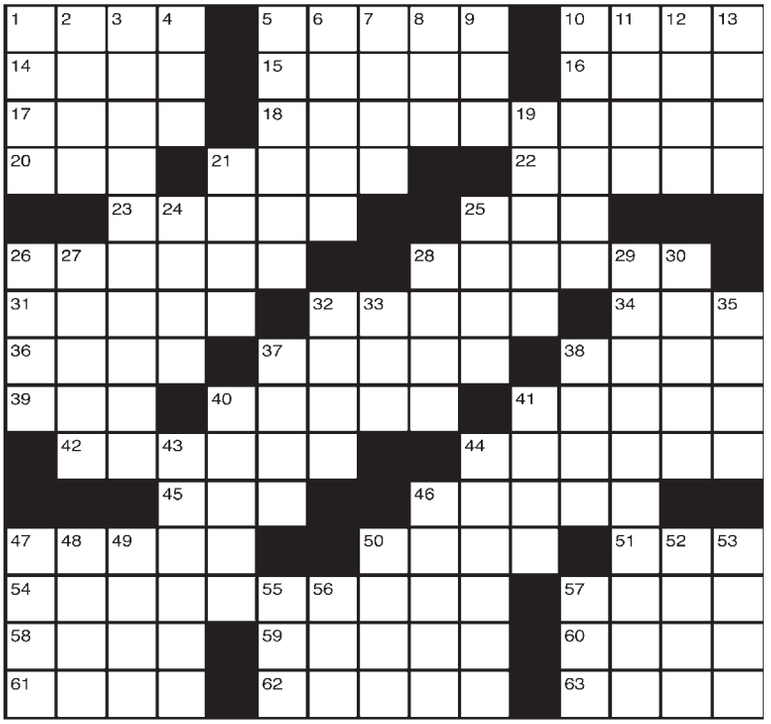
34 North Pole aide
36 Enthusiastic
37 Bits of bacteria
38 __ on; incite
39 Trot
40 Nitrogen and neon
41 On the __; free
42 Braggart
44 Detest
45 "__! Humbug!"
46 Sri __
47 Faint
50 Destiny
51 Shade of brown
54 Entrepreneur
57 5,280 feet
58 Grows gray
59 In a __; sort of
60 At a __ for words; speechless
61 Torn in two
62 Esteem
63 Shoelace problem

DOWN

1 Furniture blemish
2 Leak out
3 Walking unsteadily
4 Hearing organ
5 Eccentric
6 Beeches and birches
7 __ the riot act to; chide severely
8 Promos
9 Wine and dine
10 Horse's home
11 Bathers' spots
12 Competent
13 Adolescent
19 Small salamanders
21 Memo
24 __-back; relaxed
25 Small bills
26 Drop of joy or sorrow
27 Musical variety show
28 Shade providers
29 Good name
30 Partially melted snow
32 TV's "Father Knows __"
33 "You __ what you eat"
35 Unrestrained
37 Deep, long cut
38 __ up; absorb
40 San Francisco athlete
41 Sharpen
43 Woodwind player
44 Second of two
46 Cowboy's rope
47 Indelible mark
48 __ war; go to battle
49 Unlock
50 Twain's Huck
52 To boot
53 Wren's home
55 __ Wednesday; start of Lent
56 Zodiac sign
57 Initials for Coretta's hubby



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